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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING MOLDED ARTICLE OF MODIFIED  
POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE BY JOINING

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 10, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 12, 2000, the period of response having been extended three (3) months to April 12, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Page 7, delete the paragraph at lines 8-12 and replace it with the following paragraph:**

B1 Two or more premolded parts having different coefficients of thermal shrinkage can be obtained by premolding the same modified PTFE powder